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From the Mayor

Dear Neighbors,
Where has this year gone? Didn't we just ring in 2011? I know I'm not alone in feeling that the years are going by much too quickly. Even so, we at the City have accomplished much and look forward to more in 2012, Redmond's Centennial year.

The City was founded on December 31, 1912. Back then, 300 pioneering loggers, farmers, merchants and businessmen shared a vision of creating a home for their families. To honor these brave pioneers and all those who have come after, the community is partnering with the City in planning many fun and informative celebrations throughout the year.

The centennial festivities will kick-off at this year's Redmond Lights on Saturday, December 3 from 4 to 8pm. This winter festival is uniquely Redmond's in celebrating our cultural diversity and our beautiful river landscape. This year it will also serve as the beginning of our Centennial celebrations for 2012.

Throughout 2012, community organizations and the City will host various events to tell the story of our city. The Redmond Historical Society is planning something special, as is the Redmond Library. Commemorative art will be installed and Derby Days will have a special "old-time" theme. All this will culminate at a community celebration on December 30, 2012 to officially "ring-in" our next century.

What Redmond is today is because of all who went before; what Redmond will be tomorrow is up to us. Our pioneering spirit remains strong in our fundamental values of working together to innovate and create a place we want to call home. As Mayor, I will continue to work with residents and businesses as we journey towards our vision for a city that is connected, vibrant and fiscally responsible.

One exciting move in this direction is the designation of Redmond as the state's Interactive Media and Digital Arts Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) by the Washington State Department of Commerce. The role of an IPZ is to connect public, private and education partners to create collaboration between research, workforce training, employers and entrepreneurs within a specific geographic area. The program's goal is to lead to new technologies, marketable products, company formation, job creation and other economic opportunities.

Through this partnership with enterpriseSeattle, Microsoft, Redmond Economic Development Alliance, UW – Bothell and DigiPen Institute of Technology, Redmond will recruit new businesses, provide a supportive business environment with access to a trained workforce and support research and commercialization of technologies related to interactive media and digital arts.

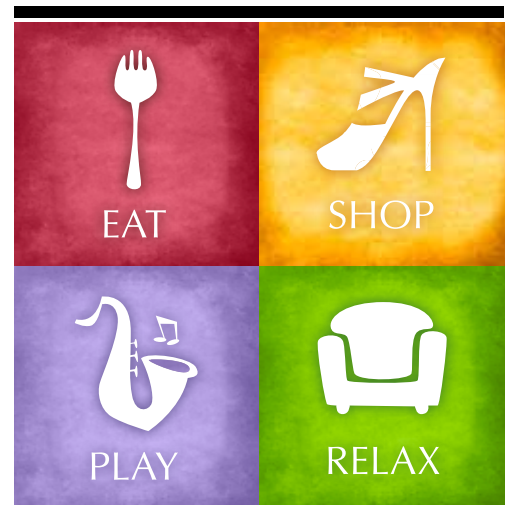
I'd like to close with a thank you to the over 400 residents who participated on our citizen satisfaction survey (the results will be available early next year). Your thoughts provide a statistically valid sample of what all Redmond residents are thinking.

As always, please contact me with any questions, suggestions or issues at mayor@redmond.gov or 425-556-2101 and don't forget Redmond Lights on Saturday, December 3. Rain or shine, I'll see you there.

Sincerely,



John Marchione
John Marchione



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Council Notes

ARE YOU LOOKING OUT FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

Some people averted their eyes hoping we would go away, but the vast majority of Redmond citizens we met during a Hopelink food drive looked us in the eyes and asked, "How can I help?"

On a chilly October weekend, your Redmond City Council members were out soliciting donations of food and cash during the Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry at the Bella Bottega QFC. Why? There are families going hungry in Redmond. There are children who go to school without the benefit of a good breakfast. There are elderly citizens who cannot afford to eat nutritious meals. This is where our local food banks play an important role in the health and fabric of our community; they ensure our neighbors have enough to eat. And our food banks and neighbors need us to be looking out for them.

During the food drive we experienced amazing acts of kindness. For instance, the young couple that walked in the store and returned a short while later with a bag of groceries for the drive, only to leave with just a small bag of potatoes in their hands, and the woman who stopped by to do her banking, who dropped off a bag of groceries and headed out into the parking lot empty handed. For two days we watched our community share what they could to take care of those in need of a helping hand.

Redmond is full of compassionate, caring people. That's what makes Redmond such a wonderful place to live. As your City Council, we look out for the community and take interest in what you have to say. You can help us by sharing your thoughts and ideas about what you see in Redmond at council@redmond.gov.

Again, we thank everyone who contributed to the food drive and looked out for our community. See sidebar for information to help.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are a number of ways you can help raise food donations to support Redmond families.

Drop food and/or cash donations off at:

Hopelink - Redmond Foodbank and Emergency Services at 16725 Cleveland St, Redmond, WA 98052

Hold a Food Drive

If you are interested in hosting a food drive, contact Hopelink at 425-882-0241. The Hopelink staff will ensure you have everything you need to make it a successful collection event.

City News Desk

City and Property Owners Investing in Overlake

The City of Redmond and local property owners are making three important investments in the future of Overlake.

Group Health Cooperative has proposed a master redevelopment plan for its 28-acre former hospital site on 152nd Avenue NE in Overlake. The plan envisions nearly 1.4 million square feet of new commercial space (including a hotel and conference center), 1400 new apartments or condominiums and a 2.67-acre public park. All of this will be within walking distance of light rail when it opens in 2023.

The City Council is expected to make a final decision on the master plan during late fall 2011. Development will be phased and is expected to occur over several years, with specific timing dependent on market conditions.

Meanwhile, the City is embarking on two stormwater infrastructure projects that support redevelopment and are part of an overall stormwater and parks plan adopted in 2010.

First, the City is retrofitting select streets in the Overlake shopping area with rain gardens. A rain garden is a shallow depression filled with colorful native plants, strategically located to

protect lakes and streams from the impacts of stormwater runoff by cleaning, holding and slowly releasing the water or letting it seep into the ground. These improvements will also make the area more pedestrian friendly by providing separation between sidewalks and streets and will provide a peek into the future vision for this area. No major disruptions to traffic or businesses are expected and the project will be complete in 2012.

Second, the City will construct the Overlake South Detention Vault beneath the Sears rear (southeast) parking lot. The vault will be approximately two acres in area and 20 feet deep. Construction is expected to begin in 2013. Once construction begins, traffic impacts may be significant; however, work will be scheduled to avoid impacts during the holiday shopping season.

The parking area will be restored at the completion of construction. This stormwater vault, in combination with two future vaults to the north, will provide flow control and treatment for stormwater runoff. Future parks and plazas are planned to be co-located with these vaults as the properties around them redevelop.

More information on all these projects can be found online at www.redmond.gov/OverlakeVision.

Winter Weather in Redmond

Winter is coming! The City is committed to keeping Redmond as safe and accessible as possible for commuters during winter weather events. Each year, we dedicate considerable resources to the planning, preparation and response to the threats posed by snow and ice.

REDMOND'S RESPONSE

- During events, snow and ice removal crews work around the clock—24 hours a day.
- Crews of well-trained employees make use of four large plows, three large sanders, two de-icer applicators and a smaller plow and sander. Crews also include full-time dispatchers, road closure teams and on-call mechanics to keep Redmond's response at full strength.
- We apply combinations of sand and Calcium Chloride with Boost (CCB) – a de-icing solution of molasses, beet juice, and calcium chloride. Salt is applied when unusually extreme conditions require extra treatment.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Arterial streets are our first priority. Our route map (www.redmond.gov/snowice) is available for reference and planning.
- Priority is also given to the major roads leading in and out of Redmond.
- Residential streets are plowed only when all arterials are passable. Emphasis is placed on the hilliest, most hazardous and populated areas.
- When freezing conditions are expected, crews will apply CCB as a preventative measure to priority areas, including bridge decks, hills, curves and shady areas.
- Depending on weather reports and advance warning, the rest of the arterial plow routes will receive preventative treatment as well.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Whenever possible, avoid driving during winter weather events.
- If you must drive, plan ahead! Review the plow route map and the City's traffic cameras (www.redmond.gov/trafficcameras) to know the best routes to take, bring cold weather clothing and emergency supplies and allow plenty of extra time.
- You are responsible to keep sidewalks along your property clear of hazards.
- Be aware that our plows push snow toward the curbs; requiring you to clear the approach to your driveway in order to maintain access.



REDMOND'S SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL MAP

Find it on the City's website at www.redmond.gov/snowice

STAY BACK

When you see one of our anti-icing vehicles on the road, keep 50 feet away from it to avoid getting sprayed with CCB solution. Also avoid passing—we may be spraying adjacent lanes on either side of the vehicle as well.

If you do get CCB on your vehicle, be sure to rinse it off as soon as possible.



New this winter, we will be posting transportation updates via Twitter! Stay up to date by following **@CityOfRedmond #redmondalert**

For more information, visit www.redmond.gov/snowice
Public Works Operations • 18080 NE 76th St • Redmond, WA 98052 • 425-556-2800

WATER

Don't Leave Water Pipes in the Cold

With the cold weather on its way, the City of Redmond Water Department would like to remind customers about the importance of protecting water pipes from freezing.

Many homes in the area have the main water supply pipe and often the main shut-off valve in the garage – the area where freezing (and breaking pipes) is most common. If possible, keep some heat on in the garage and protect the plumbing with pipe insulation, heat tape and faucet covers available at most hardware stores.

Other concerns in newer home garages are the fire suppression lines and tankless hot water tank systems. All of these water lines also must be kept at a temperature above freezing to avoid problems.



If the water line freezes, it is possible to thaw the pipe without damage. First, know how to turn the water off at the meter outside in case of trouble. With a tap open in the house, so the water can move, apply heat slowly to the frozen area with a hair dryer. Never use a torch or open flame. This method can heat the pipe too quickly and will greatly increase the chance of the pipe bursting. Even more important, if a fire starts, there is no water for extinguishing.

For questions, or to have City staff demonstrate turning the water or fire system off, call water operations at 425-556-2846.

STEWARDSHIP

Help Stop the Invasive Mudsnail!

Invasive species are animals or plants not native to our area. They take over natural habitat, forcing native species to decline in population or to disappear altogether. Recently a new invasive species has been found in local waters – the New Zealand mudsnail. The snail, found in Thorton Creek and Lake Washington, is fast growing and can smother out native snails and other creatures upsetting the ecological balance of our waterways.



Photo Credit: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

New Zealand mudsnails are about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch long when full grown and have brown or blackish cone-shaped shells with five whorls. They tolerate a broad range of water conditions and have no natural predators in the United States. They are able to close their shells, and live out of the water for quite some time. Females “clone” themselves, producing approximately 230 new female snails each year and it takes only one to establish a new population. Because they clone themselves in such high numbers, in just four years over 2.7 billion snails could carpet the bottom of a river or lake.

Once invasive species are established, millions of dollars are spent to attempt to control their spread and sadly, many are nearly impossible to completely remove. Other invasive species in our area include Brazilian Elodea, Eurasian Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

Do your part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- Clean, drain, and dry any watercraft after use—this prevents hitchhiking of aquatic invasive species, including fish and shellfish diseases
- Thoroughly brush off any debris from waders, boots and equipment that comes in contact with stream or lake water; then wash gear in hot water (140°F) or freeze overnight.
- Inspect your pets (dogs and horses) for hitchhikers clinging to their coats.
- Report findings to 877-9-INFEST or report online at www.InvasiveSpecies.wa.gov.

Keep Storm Drains Clear of Fallen Leaves

Our rainy season starts about the same time leaves are falling on our lawns, parking lots and streets. Properly disposing of leaves and debris helps keep storm drains clear which prevents flooding and protects fish!

All storm drains in Redmond empty directly into streams, rivers or Lake Sammamish. Leaves and branches that wash down storm drains can dam small streams and clog fish spawning beds. Decomposing leaves also reduce the amount of oxygen available to fish and other aquatic organisms.

Please never sweep piles of leaves into storm drains or onto drainage grates. Leaves and branches should always be placed in yard debris carts, or in a composting bin. For information about disposal options for large quantities of yard debris, call Redmond's Recycling Program at 425-556-2832.

If you notice leaves accumulating, please sweep them clear of the storm drain or place them in your cart as part of your yard waste collection service.

Report clogged and flooded storm drains in streets: 425-556-2800.

GREEN HOLIDAYS

Visit the King County Eco-Consumer Green Holidays website for tips on eco-friendly holiday décor, entertaining and gift-giving: your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/ecoconsumer/green-holidays.asp.

WINTER GARDENING TIPS

As winter approaches, remember these gardening tips for a beautiful yard, naturally! Rake winter leaf mulch back into beds when winds blow it off. Weed beds once during winter to prevent weeds going to seed. Full article and details at www.redmond.gov/naturalgardening.

RECYCLE

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Yard waste customers can recycle Christmas trees at curbside. Trees are collected ONLY as yard debris – not garbage. Flocked trees are the exception, as they cannot be composted. They must be placed in the garbage. Remove all lights, tinsel and ornaments!

- Cut trees into 3 ft lengths; trunks can be no larger than 4 inches around.
- Place sections in yard debris cart or tie cut-up sections (using only sisal twine) into bundles and place next to cart for collection. (Bundles no larger than 4 ft by 2 ft)
- Christmas trees count as yard debris. Waste Management charges \$2.70 for each bag or bundle in addition to a full tote.

For drop-off location: 206-296-4466 or visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/tree-cycling.asp>.

Extra garbage and recycling

If holiday gatherings have left you with more garbage than will fit into your regular container with the lid closed, set out the extras in a bag or can next to your regular garbage. **Waste Management charges \$4.58 for each additional can or bag.**

Extra Recyclables

All wrapping paper can be recycled except the shiny, metallic kind. If you have more paper than your cart can hold, place it in paper bags and set it next to the bin for collection. Do not use plastic bags or cardboard boxes.

No charge for extra recyclables.

Avoid Foil-coated Paper

Foil-coated wrapping paper, cards and boxes cannot be recycled. If you can't reuse them, dispose of them as garbage.

Don't Burn Wrapping Paper

All paper creates toxins when burned, but colored or glossy papers have even more poison in the smoke. The coatings are commonly made of plastics, toxic metals and other hazardous materials. When burned, tiny particles lodge deep in the lungs. Poisons in the paper can damage nervous systems, kidneys and other organs.

Don't Be a Turkey – Recycle Your Holiday Food Scraps!

If holiday entertaining leaves your garbage can bursting with food scraps, paper plates and napkins, remember you can recycle foodwaste and food-soiled paper in your yard waste cart.

You can recycle all types of food and table scraps, including meat and poultry, bones, cheese, fruits and vegetables, eggshells and coffee grounds and filters.

Request a free kitchen food scraps bin to store your food scraps until you are ready to take them to your yard waste tote. The food scraps bin comes with a sample roll of compostable bags to line the bin. The bags break down completely in the composting process. (One bin per household, within Redmond city limits, while supplies last).

Information/Request your free kitchen food scraps bin call 425-556-2897.



Savvy Seniors

First Friday Coffee Chats

Everyone is invited! These relaxed informal discussions provide an open forum for our senior participants and the general public to communicate directly with City officials.

All chats are held on the first Friday of the month at 10 am in the Fireplace Lounge. All ages are welcome and refreshments are sponsored by Aegis of Redmond.

Dec 2 - Rebecca Borker—Wastewater Supervisor

Jan 6 - Erika Vandenbrande—Economic Development Manager

Feb 3 - Mark Donnell—Firefighter/Paramedic Training, Redmond Medic One

Mar 2 - Jerome Jin—Recycling Program

Apr 6 - Redmond Police Officer—Traffic Division

A Unique Holiday Gift

Looking for a special holiday gift? How about a special CD?

The Sophisticated Swing Big Band recently released their first CD. This 18 piece swing & jazz band plays all the old favorites from the 30's, 40's and 50's in the style of the famous big bands such as Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman.

Originally started by Walt and Helen Kittler as the Swingin' Seniors, the Sophisticated Swing Big Band has been the musical standard at the Redmond Senior Center for over 20 years. The band can be heard live at the RSC every Friday and, with the CD, you can listen to them any time!

The suggested donation for the CD is \$12 and all proceeds go towards purchasing risers for the band and chorus. The CDs are available at the RSC Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 9 pm and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Don't wait, we could sell out!



It's not too late!

We are excited to host the Candlelight Dinner Dance once again, back in our building with the help of Landau's Catering. Enjoy an appetizer hour with mock-tails, three course holiday dinner and then dance to music performed by the Sophisticated Swing Big Band.

The Candlelight Dinner Dance will be held at the Redmond Senior Center on Wednesday, December 7 from 6 to 10 pm. Ticket price is \$30 per person and prior registration is required. Call 425-556-2314 to reserve a place with a debit or credit card. While intended for seniors, individuals under age 50 are welcome to attend if they accompany someone age 50 or better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE RSC NEWS

Get the scoop on all the happenings at the RSC. Only \$12 for a one-year subscription. **Call 425-556-2314** and we'll sign you up now!



Available for Rent

Looking for a good place to hold a retirement party, wedding reception, or business meeting? How about the RSC? Call our rental information line for more details, 425-556-2386.

Got Ideas?

Have you got an idea for a class you'd like to teach? We are looking for people who would like to share their hobbies and skills with others during both the daytime and evening hours. Just call Teri Burke at 425-556-2342 to request a program proposal form and to discuss the possibilities.

Looking for a new experience?

To find out about upcoming RSC trips, dances, special lunches and other events, call 425-556-2314!

REDMOND SENIOR CENTER:

Phone: 425-556-2314

8703 160th Ave. NE

Redmond, WA 98052

Mon - Thu 8:30 am to 9:00 pm

Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Neighborhood Corner

REDMOND CITIZEN ACADEMY 2012

Please join us for the Redmond Citizen Academy series again in 2012 to get to know more about Redmond: what is involved in day-to-day operations, near and long-term planning and prioritizing, and how we can work together to keep Redmond a great place. As well, the Academy will help provide a foundation for community involvement with Redmond's 2012 Budgeting by Priorities process.

On Monday evenings from January 23 to March 26, we will host the Redmond Citizen Academy series at City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street. Streamlined to occur over six sessions, each meeting includes a short presentation by staff, a question & answer portion, and an opportunity for participants to identify major points for future consideration. The year's academy will also include optional tours of City facilities including the Old Firehouse Teen Center, Senior Center, and Traffic Operations Center.

The Academy includes major disciplines of Redmond's government:

- Planning and Community/Economic Development
- Transportation Planning, Calming, and Demand Management
- Financial Planning and Budgeting By Priorities
- Utilities (water, wastewater, and stormwater)
- Natural Resource Management including Critical Areas, Water Quality, Shorelines, and Climate Action
- Public Safety including Police, Fire, and Emergency Preparedness
- Parks, Arts, Recreation, Community Gardens, and Stewardship
- Human Services
- Housing

We hope you plan to join us for all of the 2012 Academy sessions.

Redmond Citizen Academy

To learn more, please refer to www.redmond.gov/Residents/CitizenAcademy/ or contact **Kimberly Dietz, 425-556-2415, kdietz@redmond.gov**.

You can stay informed about the Redmond Citizen Academy by subscribing to at www.redmond.gov/Government/Communications/eAlertSubscriptions/. Also select your neighborhood among other City news items to learn about a variety of upcoming events and opportunities.

HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET

**Saturday, December 3, 2011
From Noon-6pm**

Come and shop for handcrafted items and holiday gifts!
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Come shop before enjoying *Redmond Lights*



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Evergreen Family Theater Presents

It's a Wonderful Life:

A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry

November 25 – December 10

Directed by Marsha Stueckle with
original music by Kevin Connors



This beloved holiday classic comes to life as a 1940s radio broadcast within a play. The ensemble brings more than a dozen characters to life and employs an array of radio sound effects from on-stage. Audience members step back in time and experience what it might have been like as part of a live studio audience, as the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds, and he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com. Opening night is always "Buy One, Get One Free"! For group reservations and discounts, contact evergreenfamilytheatre@gmail.com or 425-885-2244.

Located at 11500 Redmond-Woodinville Road, Redmond (inside the RedWood Family Church building). Visit www.evergreenfamilytheatre.org for directions.



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Events at the Redmond Senior Center

8703 160th Avenue NE Info: 425-556-2314

2011 EVENTS

Thanksgiving Lunch Wednesday, November 17

11:30 am - 1 pm
Multipurpose Room
This lunch sells out; buy your ticket in advance.
Tickets \$5, all ages

Deck the Halls Party Wednesday, November 30

10 am - 12 pm
Lobby
Join us to help decorate for the holidays!

Holiday Lunch Wednesday, December 14

11:30 am - 1 pm
Multipurpose Room
Seasonal music will accompany a festive holiday meal.
This lunch sells out; buy your ticket in advance.
Tickets \$5, all ages

2012 EVENTS

Chinese New Year Lunch Friday, January 27

11:30 am - 1 pm
Multipurpose Room
Tickets \$5, all ages

Leap Year Pancake Breakfast Wednesday, February 29, 2012

9 am - 10:30 am
Multipurpose Room
Tickets \$5, all ages

Trash or Treasures Antique/ Collectible Appraisals Saturday, March 10

10 am - 2 pm
Multipurpose Room
Advance tickets on sale January 30

Pie Day Wednesday, March 14

Starting at 9 am as long as it lasts
Beverage Bar
Free

Welcome Spring Lunch Wednesday, March 21

11:30 am - 1 pm
Multipurpose Room
Tickets \$5, all ages



For all community events visit redmond.gov

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Redmond Lights
celebrating winter traditions

WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 3, 2011 * 4-8pm

Cultural & Holiday Entertainment
Light Displays * Tree Lighting * Refreshments
Kids Activities * Luminary Walk
Holiday Craft Market (12-6pm)

Santa Breakfast December 10th
Tickets available online NOW!

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